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SUBJECT: TIN: US INTENTION TO SIGN 5TH INTERNATIONAL

TIN AGREEMENT (ITA), REACTION TO SECRETARY'S

UNGA SPEECH

REF: STATE 208006

1. HAROLD ALLEN, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL (ITC) CALLED EMBASSY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 2 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT SKETCHY REPORTS IN PRESS THAT US INTENDED SIGN 5TH ITA (WE HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM EARLIER). US OBSERVER ITC READ TO HIM APPROPRIATE PORTION OF SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH AND DISCUSSED ALONG LINES OF ACCOMPANYING PRESS GUIDANCE.

2. ALLEN WAS DELIGHTED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT. HE HAD NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENT ON RESERVATIONS CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL CON-

SULTATION AND RATIFICATION AND STOCKPILE DISPOSALS.

3. COMMENT: US INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY SUBJECT OF SPECULATION--AND WORRY--AMONG ITC LONDON REPS IN RECENT WEEKS. ALLEN ABOUT A WEEK AGO CALLED THE US OBSERVER TO BRING HIS ATTENTION TO BELOUS ARTICLE IN AUGUST 21 AMERICAN METAL MARKET CITING OPPOSITION IN USG AND INDUSTRY TO OUR MEMBERSHIP.

4. WE THINK VERY STRONG STATEMENT IN SPEECH WILL PROVIDE A POWERFUL BOOST IN MORALE NOT ONLY IN ITC BUT IN OTHER COMMODITY AGREEMENT SECRETARIATS AS WELL. POINT THAT US WILLING TO TAKE THIS INITIATIVE EVEN WHILE RECOGNIZING INDUSTRY SUPPORT ANYTHING BUT CERTAIN WILL NOT BE LOST. UNEXPECTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT BUFFER STOCK OPERATIONS UNDER SOME CONDITIONS COULD PROVE BENEFICIAL ALSO SURE TO ATTRACT ATTENTION HERE.

5. WE ARE CIRCULATING SPEECH TO ALL LONDON SECRETARIATS AND TO KEY DELEGATIONS. AT THIS "WORKING LEVEL" WE ANTICIPATE QUITE FAVORABLE PERSONAL REACTION FROM BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, DESPITE FACT THAT ON POLITICAL LEVEL IN SOME CASES PRODUCER COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS MIGHT PROTEST LACK OF GIVE ON SUCH THINGS AS INDEXATION.

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